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AREA UNDER CULTIVATION SHOWS INCREASE

NATION READY FOR SPRING SOWING -- Rzeczpospolita, No 89, 31 Mar 49

This year's spring sowing program has been carefully prepared with special attention to agricultural machinery, seeds, etc. This preparation was undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture in 1948 immediately after the fall sowing.

It is estimated that an area of approximately 3,850,000 hectares will be sown this spring. Together with the 1948/49 fall sowing which amounted to 6,080,000 hectares, a total of 14,800,000 hectares are under cultivation, which is 600,000 hectares more than in 1947/48.

It is also planned that 725,000 hectares of fallow land will be re-claimed.

Furthermore, 693,172 tons of artificial fertilizer will be furnished for spring sowing which is 220,172 tons more than used in 1948.

Contracts for industrial plants cover an area of 532,000 hectares of which 248,000 hectares are planted with sugar beets; 74,000 hectares with potatoes for processing; 90,000 hectares with oleaginous plants; 77,000 hectares with fibrous plants; and large areas are sown with barley for breweries, herbs, table varieties of potatoes, legumes, etc.

The state farms will furnish seeds. A total of 13,564 tons of grain has been allotted for the use of small and medium-size farm holders, of which 7,000 tons are choice seeds and 6,564 tons of seeds of uniform varieties. In addition to the above, 16,400 tons of potato seed were also allotted for farmers. The state farms were assigned 5,161 tons of choice grain seeds, peas, and potato seed.

This spring, 2,022 agricultural machinery centers are taking part. All machinery and equipment has been completely renovated during the winter. Approximately 12,000 tractors will be used.

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Short-term credits have been allotted by the State Agriculture Bank to small and medium-size land owners in order to finance their spring sowing. For reclamation of fallow lands, 125 million zlotys have been allotted and 750 million zlotys for the purchase of artificial fertilizer.

SPRING SOWING AT STATE FARMS -- Zycie Warszawy, No 101, 12 Apr 49

Spring sowing is at its height at the state farms around Wroclaw; 950 tractors with all necessary attachments are available for this program. The farms have pledged to complete all work connected with spring sowing before the target date.

HORSES FOR POLISH FARMERS -- Rzecznosc Polski, No 103, 14 Apr 49

A transport carrying 326 horses for Polish farmers arrived in Gdynia from Denmark.

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